## 1-85 EXPRESS LANES:

# TRANSIT ADVANTAGES

### Transit Enhancements

The I-85 Express Lanes project builds upon a highly successful express bus system that currently operates in the I-85 corridor. The investment in transit will expedite the construction of key transit projects that were identified in the 2003 Regional Transit Action Plan (RTAP). In addition to the key features described below that are specific to the I-85 corridor, implementation of the Downtown Circulator Plan will help to manage an orderly flow of buses in and out of downtown. Project funding will also be used elsewhere in the region to construct eight park and ride lots and the South Xpress Operating Center, and to procure 46 passenger coach buses.

### **Key Features**

- Transit buses are able to use the I-85 Express Lanes for free
- Thirty-six new passenger coach buses will provide services to seven express bus routes in the I-85 corridor
- Two new park and rides at Hamilton Mill and Cedars Road will add 1,900 new parking spaces in mid to late 2011
- Xpress bus service was added to the Mall of Georgia in July 2010
- The I-985 and SR-20 park and ride lot will be expanded by 400 spaces to support new Xpress bus service to Midtown in mid 2011
- GRTA and MARTA are key regional transit champions and project partners

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